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NEWARK, FEBRUARY 27th--The first-anniversary appraisal of America's reaction to the domestic crisis reported by the Kerner Commission indicates that America has taken some halting steps to respond to the crisis of our cities, but real tangible progress in dealing with the conditions of slum-ghetto life has been nowhere in scale with the problems. This characterization of the national response certainly has its parallel in the Greater Newark area.

For example, while demolition and clearance of sub-standard dwellings continues throughout the Newark ghetto, the building of sufficient housing units for the displaced is nowhere in sight. This situation is exacerbated in Newark by the major displacement resulting from the medical school construction and the large number of families who have been, or will be affected by highway construction. Economics and housing discrimination continue to prevent movement of those displaced to other cities in the county.

The city and county welfare costs continue to escalate, as do the welfare rolls, despite the fact that only a fraction of those who are eligible for such assistance are actually receiving it. At the same time, there is growing resistance among taxpayers to the costs involved, even though no American has ever been raised above the poverty level through welfare support because the payments are too low to accomplish that.

Our city school system remains in the crisis of overcrowded classes, inadequate physical plants, insufficient qualified teachers, and a general

